



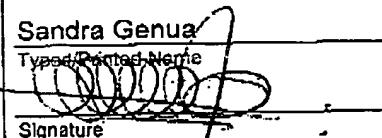
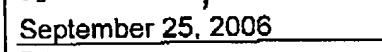
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In response to the Office Action mailed on 08/23/2006 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.